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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH FONMIN VAN DER STOEL

1. SUMMARY: DURING DECEMBER 20 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR,  
FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL SAID THAT GON, WHILE FAR  
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SUPPORT THIS POSITION. FONMIN CONSIDERS RESTRICTED MINISTERIAL SESSION MISSED OPPORTUNITY BUT THINKS IF CONSULTATIONS ARE INTENSIFIED 1974 WILL BEGIN IN PROPER FASHION. FONMIN HOPES USG WILL KEEP GON INFORMED ON DEVELOPMENTS IN VENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE. VAN DER STOBL REITERATED GON STANDPOINT THAT CREATION OF EUROPEAN IDENTITY SHOULD NOT CONFLICT WITH STRONG ATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP. ON RECENT COPENHAGEN SUMMIT, FOREIGN MINISTER SAID GON HAD BEEN SURPRISED AT ARABS' PRESENCE BUT DID NOT ADD TO OUR PREVIOUS REPORT (THE HAGUE 5528) ON SUCCESSFUL FRG-DUTCH EFFORT TO PREVENT GOING BEYOND EC'S ME DECLARATION. AMBASSADOR STRONGLY REITERATED US DESIRE FOR JAPANESE ASSOCIATION WITH EC DECLARATION AND PROMISED VAN DER STOEL TO SEEK WASHINGTON'S LATEST VIEW ON HOW THIS CAN BE ACHIEVED. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING AMBASSADOR'S DECEMBER 20 MEETING WITH FONMIN VAN DER STOEL, LATTER EMPHASIZED THAT GON, WHILE FAR FROM HAPPY WITH RECENT NATO MINISTERIAL, UNDERSTANDS U.S. DESIRE FOR TIMELY CONSULTATION AND WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THIS POSITION. HE SAID RESTRICTED MINISTERIAL SESSION HAD NOT BEEN PROPERLY USED, AND THIS REPRESENTED A MISSED OPPORTUNITY, BUT IF INTENSIFIED CONSULTATIONS BECOME A FACT "1974 WILL START IN THE PROPER FASHION." NOTING THAT CONSULTATIONS SHOULD BE TWO-WAY STREET, VAN DER STOEL EXPRESSED HOPE U.S. WOULD KEEP GON INFORMED ON DEVELOPMENTS AT GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE. AMBASSADOR RESPONDED WE WOULD DO OUR VERY BEST IN THIS REGARD, AS INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY, AND THIS ALSO WOULD APPLY TO RELATED FACTORS SUCH AS CURRENT FRENCH GOVERNMENT VIEWS AND ACTIVITIES.

3. VAN DER STOEL OBSERVED THAT SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE NINE FOLLOWING MINISTERIAL HAD BEEN POSITIVE FACTOR, AND HE RESTATED GON'S VIEW THAT BUILDING OF EUROPE DOES NOT CONFLICT WITH STRONG ATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP AND THAT INDEED TWO SHOULD BE CONSIDERED PARALLEL.

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4. IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR'S REQUEST FOR FONMIN'S OVER-VIEW OF EC SUMMIT, VAN DER STOEL SAID HE HAD BEEN VERY SURPRISED AT ARABS' PRESENCE, WHICH HE SAID FRENCH DENIED HAVING INSTIGATED. HE THEN REVIEWED EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE NINE AND ARAB FONMINS ALONG LINES PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (THE HAGUE 5528), DESCRIBING SUCCESSFUL GERMAN, DUTCH AND DANISH OPPOSITION TO ATTEMPT BY UK AND FRANCE TO TAKE NINE BEYOND THEIR NOVEMBER 6

DECLARATION, IN WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN SPECIAL APPEAL TO ISRAEL, IN STATEMENT ISSUED AT CONCLUSION SUMMIT.

5. REFERRING TO US-EC DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, AMBASSADOR SAID HE WISHED CORRECT ANY ERRONEOUS IMPRESSION GON MAY HAVE RECEIVED THAT US WOULD NOT BE CONCERNED IF JAPANESE WERE NOT ASSOCIATED WITH THE DECLARATION. FONMIN SAID HE UNDERSTOOD U.S. INTEREST IN INCLUDING JAPAN BUT WAS NOT CLEAR HOW U.S. ENVISAGED DRAFTING A TRILATERAL DOCUMENT. AMBASSADOR RESPONDED HE WOULD SEEK INFORMATION FROM WASHINGTON ON MODALITY SPECIFICS.

ACTION REQUESTED: ADVICE WHICH CAN BE PASSED TO GON ON HOW U.S. ENVISAGES ASSOCIATING JAPAN WITH EC-US DECLARATION.  
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